



# Memorial Day

## May 30, 2005

### News Briefs

#### New commissary hours

Effective June 1, the commissary hours of operation will be as follows: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call store director Paula Lewis at Ext. 7109.

#### Sports and camp physicals

The 14th Medical Group Family Practice Clinic will conduct sports and camp physicals between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. June 1. To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at Ext. 2273 or visit [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) and select “school physicals” as the visit reason.

#### ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 1 and June 2 at the community center. The training is open to all BLAZE TEAM members and recommended for all supervisors. To sign up or for more information, call Ext. 2239.

#### Dental sick call

Effective June 1, dental clinic sick call hours will be at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 7:30 a.m. and noon Thursday. For more information, call 2250.

#### CAP correction

The Silver Wings staff apologizes for the misprint of Civil Air Patrol information in the May 20 edition. The CAP meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the SAC Alert Facility. For more information about the organization, visit [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) or call Master Sgt. Brandon Enea at Ext. 7155.

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Columbus AFB receives “Excellent” out-brief from the Operational Readiness Inspection team Tuesday.

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### Excellence in all we do



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez  
**Capt. Deric Prescott, 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office; 1st Lt. Andrew Costello, 48th Flying Training Squadron; Master Sgt. Kenneth Phelps, 14th FTW Maintenance Directorate; Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bachant, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Ronald Lee, 14th FTW Command Post; Senior Airman Jennifer Simmons, 14th Security Forces Squadron; and Joe Gibson, 14th Logistics Readiness Division; pictured here with Col. Worth Carter, Air Education and Training Command Inspector General Team, received coins during the Operational Readiness Inspection outbrief Tuesday for outstanding performances within their respective work places.**

## High blood pressure — The silent killer

People have probably heard the stories — seemingly healthy individuals in their 30s, 40s, 50s or 60s suddenly have a stroke or heart attack.

How does this happen? Well, the cause could have been related to high blood pressure left undiagnosed, untreated or treated with a medication that hasn’t lowered blood pressure enough.

High blood pressure, also referred to as hypertension, can happen to anyone.

“Today in the United States, one in four adults have high blood pressure,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Keith McCoy, 14th Medical Group. “The problem is 30 percent of them don’t know it until they have a medical

crisis or they just happen to go in for a check up and it’s caught.”

Each time the heart beats, it pumps blood through the body’s miles of blood vessels. The force of blood against the inside walls of the vessels and the vessels’ resistance to blood flow create blood pressure.

If blood pressure is too great, it can damage the vessels and restrict blood flow to the vital organs.

In time, untreated high blood pressure or blood pressure that isn’t low enough may result in eye and kidney damage, stroke, heart attack and other serious health problems.

Current medical guidelines state that a normal blood pressure for most adults is less than 120/80. Drug Treatment is recommended if

blood pressure is at or above 140/90. For people with diabetes, drug treatment is recommended if blood pressure is at or above 130/80.

Some people think the symptoms of hypertension are frequent headaches and dizziness. And although people may experience these symptoms, the truth is that most with high blood pressure have no symptoms. That’s why it’s often called “the silent killer.”

Some people are at higher risk, such as:

- People with blood relatives who have high blood pressure, like a father, mother, or sibling

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-03)	6.78 days	1.59 days	June 3	48th (05-10)	1.60 days	0.11 days	June 10	T-37	2,600	2,565	19,589
41st (06-02)	1.85 days	3.20 days	June 28	50th (05-10)	3.86 days	2.61 days	June 10	T-38C	1,025	1,140	9,911
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Graduation speaker: Lt. Gen. John Regni, Air University commander



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# DOD tests bio warfare detection device

**Elaine Wilson**  
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Information Office

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas** — Department of Defense specialists are testing a cutting-edge technology so revolutionary military scientists said it will change the face of biological warfare.

The joint biological agent identification and diagnostic system, a 40-pound device small enough to slip into a rucksack, is designed to vastly increase the speed and accuracy of biological warfare agent detection.

“(The device) will fill a vital role in providing accurate, rapid identification capability for detecting a threat or an attack,” said Donna Boston, program manager for the new system.

Before the system, it took the military two to four days in a microbiology laboratory to accurately identify a biological warfare agent.

The system can do it on the spot in 40 minutes.

“With rapid identification of a threat, we can be armed with information to fight bioterrorism,” Ms. Boston said. “It offers so many advantages. The quicker we can identify an agent, the quicker a doctor can make an accurate diagnosis and commanders can start taking action.”

The joint program executive office for chemical and biological defense in Falls Church, Va., found the technology in 2002 while seeking a quicker way to detect biological warfare agents in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, and later anthrax scares. Idaho Technology, Inc., from Salt Lake City, stepped forward with the system, the latest in biological warfare technology.

The device looks deceptively simple, just a laptop connected to an analyzer.



U.S. Army photo by Jerry Stillwagon

**Joint biological agent identification and diagnostic system test participants collect samples of suspect biological warfare agents from a field during a joint two-week operational test at Brooks City-Base, Texas, which ended May 18.**

Lab technicians load suspect samples into a carousel within the analyzer where they are “cooked and cooled” repeatedly so strands of DNA break apart and reform to make copies of themselves. Each time heating and cooling occur, more DNA copies are formed, which takes something from undetectable to identifiable.

The device can simultaneously identify up to 10 different biological warfare agents in a given sample, including smallpox, anthrax, plague and encephalitis.

“If something is there that threatens the health of our military force, you will be able to detect it much sooner,” said Army Maj. Harry Whitlock II, a

combat developer at the Army medical department center and school. “This is the ‘new’ gold standard. Other rapid diagnostic methods, like handheld assays, don’t have nearly the same sensitivity.”

The system’s sensitivity, or ability to accurately identify specimens containing an agent, is averaging at least 85 percent per test, and its specificity, or accuracy in pinpointing the percentage of specimens without an agent, has averaged at least 90 percent.

The result is a higher confidence in the accuracy of information for military leaders.

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# Operation Air Force

Throughout the summer, numerous base units will host U.S. Air Force Academy and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets in support of Operation Air Force, also known as Ops AF.

These cadets will work along side both enlisted troops and officers during three, three-week periods to gain realistic experiences, and training and leadership opportunities.

Starting this year, USAFA and AFROTC increased the time cadets spend in the operational Air Force. The increase significantly raises cadets’ familiarity with and under-

standing of real-world Air Force operations and more closely aligns Air Force cadets’ operational experiences gained through these internship programs with similar programs of the Navy and Army.

In the past, Ops AF motivated rising Second Class USAFA cadets (juniors) and rising senior AF ROTC cadets toward careers in the Air Force through base orientations, briefings and incentive flights.

This year’s program has changed significantly. The work program is now available for rising Third Class (sophomore) and First Class (senior)

cadets as well. The objectives of the improved program are twofold: focus and orient cadets on Air Force missions and culture through direct exposure to and experience with operational units; and use gained skill sets to contribute to host-unit mission accomplishment.

This internship program gives cadets the opportunity to see firsthand how the 14th Flying Training wing contributes to the world’s greatest air and space force in establishing and maintaining air dominance. For more information about the program, call Capt. Jason Todd at Ext. 2393 or 1st Lt. Charlene Talafuse at Ext. 7094. *(Courtesy of the 14th Mission Support Squadron)*

### TEST

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“Everyone in the scientific community is excited because (the device) allows detection of a very minute level and commanders are excited because the troops will be better protected,” Major Whitlock said.

The system’s size allows the device to travel with servicemembers into war, eliminating the need to send samples to a laboratory stateside, which delays diagnosis and treatment of affected people. DOD began a joint-service testing of the device in 2003 to ensure the civilian-made system could be as effective in war as in a stateside lab.

“(The system) has been through a long series of developmental tests,” Ms. Boston said. “Government labs went through thousands of samples of biological warfare organisms. The data is still being evaluated, but the system and test assay kits have performed very well so far.”

The latest was a two-week operational test at Brooks City-Base, Texas, which wrapped up May 18. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps lab technicians and program developers traveled to San Antonio to make sure the device met DOD specifications. The Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., took the lead on the exercise, while the Army Medical Department provided ongoing training and technical assistance.

Army Chemical Corps personnel collected irradiated or “dead” samples from the field and delivered them to

lab technicians from the Army’s 1st and 9th Area Medical Laboratories from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The technicians set up shop in portable shelters, which can be packed up and shipped worldwide, then extracted a test sample for analysis from environmental, food and clinical specimens such as blood and sputum.

After validation by a joint service data authentication group, the operational test results will be forwarded to the joint program executive office for chemical and biological defense for a final green light.

If approved, the system will enter full-rate production in September and DOD will distribute 450 systems throughout the services over the next three years.

In the meantime, Idaho Technology will seek Food and Drug Administration approval, something that will help launch the system into civilian and military fixed and deployable medical facilities as a diagnostic tool, and into DOD veterinary food labs for testing of food and water supplies.

The modifiable system will continue to evolve over the next several years. The next step is the addition of toxin detection this summer, and later, development and testing of a hand-held version, Ms. Boston said.

“(The system) is a reliable, well-tested technology that will have a huge impact on military and civilian sectors,” she said. “It’s sad to think we live in a world where biothreats are a reality, but it’s better to be prepared and have answers; (it) will ensure we have the right ones.”

### PRESSURE

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- ☐ Men over the age of 55
- ☐ Women over the age of 65
- ☐ Post-menopausal women
- ☐ African-Americans, especially women
- ☐ Some women who regularly take birth control pills
- ☐ People who get little or no regular physical activity
- ☐ People who smoke
- ☐ People who are overweight
- ☐ People with high cholesterol
- ☐ People with diabetes

BLAZE TEAM members are encouraged to visit a doctor to discuss whether or not they are at risk and find out how to catch the silent killer before it becomes problematic. *(Courtesy of the 14th Medical Group Healthcare Team)*

## Relief donations via MPS prohibited

**Tech. Sgt. Kirk Baldwin**  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Postal  
Policy and Programs

**RAMSTEIN AB, Germany** — Each year, the Department of Defense plays a huge role in delivering relief supplies and assisting in relief operations worldwide. For people overseas who want to contribute, the problem is getting the package where it needs to be.

However, the military postal service is not an option, said U.S. Air Forces in Europe postal officials. Sending charitable contributions through Air Mobility Command or through the MPS is prohibited.

In Europe, organizations within the command raised money and supplies for the victims of the recent tsunami. The only problem was getting the items to the victims without using the military postal system, said Matt Haacker, USAFE’s postal functional area manager.

“These commendable efforts and the spirit behind them are extremely noteworthy,” Mr. Haacker said. “However, when the charity includes sending donations via mail, we must stop and follow the authorized delivery methods.”

The Department of Defense is prohibited by law to provide airlift to non-DOD activities, said Robert Eichholz of the Air Force director of communications operations office.

This means organizations and people authorized to use MPS cannot serve as intermediaries for any person or organization not specifically authorized such service. Just because there is postage on a package

or it is being sent through the MPS does not mean the mailing is paid for, Mr. Haacker said. The postage applied to mailings only applies to movement while in the possession of the U.S. Postal Service.

“A 20-pound box going to Chicago will cost (about) \$25 in postage,” he said. “That postage defrays transportation costs from the gateway at New York to Chicago. All remaining transportation costs from a military base to New York are at DOD expense.”

DOD spends more than \$73 million moving mail between U.S. gateways and military locations worldwide every year, Mr. Eichholz said.

“The most expensive is movement to Southwest Asia in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom,” he said. “Lack of commercial lift in the theater reduces the commercial mail potential.

“Because of that, we must buy contract airlift from companies that are operating in that area,” he said. “This is a very expensive option. A round-trip cargo flight between New York and Kuwait costs the DOD (about) \$395,000 per flight.”

Items mailed in the MPS also cost DOD, Mr. Haacker said. For example, if 2,000 pounds of goods were shipped by the MPS via Air Mobility Command from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to Bagram AB, Afghanistan, the bill from AMC would be more than \$7,000.

“No one moves anything for free,” Mr. Haacker said. “For this reason, only authorized personnel may use the MPS. Any other use could be considered misuse of taxpayer dollars. *(Courtesy of USAFE News Service)*



**Capt. Jesse Hedge**  
14th Operations Support  
Squadron



The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates Captain Hedge on his distinction as **Air Education and Training Command’s Flight Commander of the Year**. Captain Hedge currently serves as the 14th OSS airfield operations flight commander.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

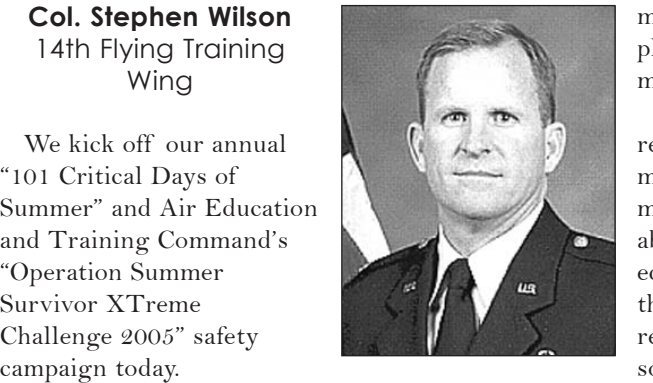
As of press time, **24 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.





# Operation Summer Survivor XTreme Challenge



**Col. Stephen Wilson**  
14th Flying Training Wing

We kick off our annual “101 Critical Days of Summer” and Air Education and Training Command’s “Operation Summer Survivor XTreme Challenge 2005” safety campaign today.

Although Columbus AFB and the entire Air Force maintain a strong safety posture throughout the year, the summer months’ increased sporting and recreational activities pose extra risks to our people.

It’s a fact of life that these fun activities have certain inherent risks associated with them, but it’s also important to remember that risk can be managed and

minimized by pre-activity planning and simple common sense.

We can go a long way in reducing our summer mishaps if we take a moment to stop and think about the hazards associated with our endeavors, and then map out a plan for reducing them. Indeed, some risk must be accepted during our activities. In fact, it often creates the spark of adrenaline that makes a particular sport fun. The key is to accept no unnecessary risk.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign has paid great dividends in past years, saving untold lives and reducing injuries across a spectrum of activities. Beating the mishap odds starts with a positive safety attitude.

Each one of you needs to consider the aspects of personal risk management. Watch out for yourself by running the “what-if” scenarios of risk management and answering the final question — Does the outcome out-weigh the risk? I charge each of you to be a consummate risk manager this summer. There are three simple risk reduction measures we all should apply in our daily lives.

First, buckle-up. Several of the fatalities would have been avoided by wearing seatbelts. Second, wear a helmet when riding your bike, whether it’s a bike with pedals or the four-cylinder variety. Finally, don’t drink and drive. This is a tragic lesson that I guarantee you will not want to learn first hand.

Safety is not an additional duty; it’s everyone’s responsibility! Commanders, unit safety representatives, supervisors and you ... together we form a very

impressive team dedicated to the mission.


Commanders and first sergeants shouldn’t forget the value of unit pre-departure safety briefings that remind our people about dangerous activities, risk avoidance and safe vacation planning. Let’s all take an interest in the welfare of our Columbus residents. Seek out and fix potential hazards before someone gets hurt, especially around our playgrounds and ball fields. For assistance, contact your unit safety office or call the wing safety office at Ext. 2519.

The bottom line is that I cannot afford to lose you or any member of your family to an accident. With involvement at all levels, this will be the safest summer ever. Take care and be safe. You owe it to yourself, your family and your country!

### Straight Talk Line

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.*

*Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*



### THE ONLY HOLE YOU CAN'T DIG OUT OF IS ABOUT SIX FEET DEEP ...

CALL YOUR BASE CHAPLAIN, LIFE SKILLS COUNSELORS,  
OR THE PEOPLE AT 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)  
IF YOU — OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW —  
ARE THINKING ABOUT SUICIDE.

## Time of transition ahead for CAFB



**Col. Keith Keck**  
14th Mission Support Group

Memorial Day is upon us here at Columbus. This weekend, as we remember our fallen comrades who served our nation, I want us to look forward to the future of the BLAZE TEAM.

We have just gone through a time of relief, as the Base Realignment And Closure list recommended that Columbus AFB expand its mission.

We have experienced a time of celebration, as all your hard work paid tremendous dividends in our “Excellent” rating from the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General.

Now, we will truly enter a time of transition for the BLAZE TEAM. Even as the inspectors departed the base, I saw many of our BLAZE TEAM members start to pack up their household goods and get ready to head out to new assignments. These hard-working folks have been part of a great team — a team that has excelled in every event or challenge faced over the past two years I have been here.

This time of transition will only pick up speed in the next few weeks as many more BLAZE TEAM members, both military and civilian, will depart the base.

True, you will see changes in senior leadership, both officer and senior NCO; as well as many departures of teammates in the trenches — those five and seven levels. With all these transitions, I challenge the entire BLAZE TEAM to keep performing at your high standards. The nation is still counting on each and every one of us to do our part in training America’s newest pilots.

First, I challenge all the junior and mid-level military

and civilians to excel. Three-level Airmen, it is time for you to step up to five-level responsibilities and fill the gaps left by those departing. Five-levels, we need to you to fill the seven-level leadership voids.

Young lieutenants, it’s your time to fill the gaps of our departing captains and senior lieutenants and become the company grade officer leaders. All our departing teammates have shown you how to lead the BLAZE TEAM and shine. It’s time for you to step up and lead.

Secondly, I challenge our great civil service corps and contractor support team to continue maintaining the mission. Be the mentors to these new arrivals and continue to be top-notch advisors to the new senior leadership.

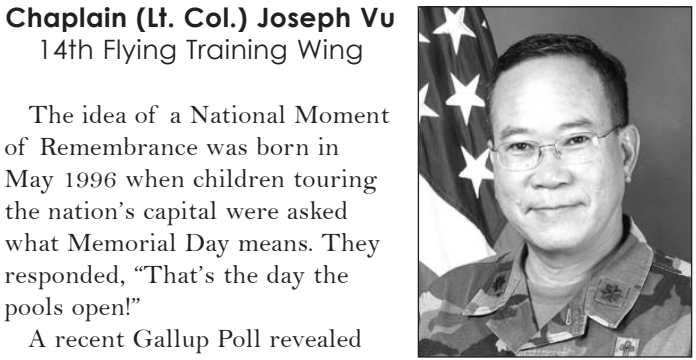
Thirdly, military and civilian professionals, reach out to the new arrivals at Columbus AFB. Show them what it means to be part of a winning team. Welcome them into their new duty sections and continue to set a shining example for them to follow. Most importantly, help them quickly transition into vital members in support of our mission.

These past few weeks, the BLAZE TEAM ran at peak efficiency. Let’s not lose the momentum of a smooth running machine. The mission will continue — 300 sorties a day will be flown; aircraft will need fixing and fueling; the base will require security and fire protection; paperwork will continue to flow; computers will hum with the business of our mission; patients will be cared for; and fellow BLAZE TEAM members will deploy forward.

We have met this recent IG challenge with amazing vigor and teamwork, just as you conquered every other challenge during my tenure here. I trust that we will reflect on our past successes and the BLAZE spirit will burn bright during this time of transition.

Your fellow Americans depend on the great efforts of the men and women of the Columbus AFB BLAZE TEAM to keep our nation safe and strong.

## BLAZE TEAM urged to observe Moment of Remembrance



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu**  
14th Flying Training Wing

The idea of a National Moment of Remembrance was born in May 1996 when children touring the nation’s capital were asked what Memorial Day means. They responded, “That’s the day the pools open!”

A recent Gallup Poll revealed that only 28 percent of Americans know the true meaning of Memorial Day. Most view it as a “day off” rather than a day to connect with our nation’s history and values by honoring those who gave their lives for the defense of America, and the advance of democracy and freedom around the world.

Columbus has a very intimate relationship with Memorial Day. Friendship Cemetery in downtown Columbus was one of the first places to celebrate Decoration Day – the first informal Memorial Day celebration.

Soldiers from both sides of the Civil War were buried there. Local women arrived at the cemetery to clean up and decorate the graves on that day.

The idea sparked the interests of many and caused other communities to follow suit with their own special days of remembrance for fallen soldiers.

Memorial Day was established as a national holiday in 1868 to pay tribute to those who died serving the nation.

On Dec. 28, 2000, the White House Commission on Remembrance was created to promote the spirit of unity and remembrance to the holiday.

Congress supported this cause by establishing a National Moment of Remembrance.

Our Moment of Remembrance does not replace traditional Memorial Day events, such as visiting cemeteries, placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes, visiting memorials, flying the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon or flying the POW/MIA flag either.

At 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, Americans are asked to pause wherever they are for one minute in an act of national unity.

The moment is a powerful reminder for us that many of our Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and civilians are presently in harm’s way around the world in our Global War On Terrorism.

By our participating in the National Moment of Remembrance, we show our unity in honoring the sacrifices made by brave men and women and the families they’ve left behind. This moment may be informal, but it is a way to say, “Thank you, we remember.”

## Memorial Day More than just a day off

**Maj. Charles Johnson**  
5th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**MINOT AFB, N.D.** — Around the world, veterans are honored, at all levels, for their dedication and service, be they national memorials or local statements of appreciation.

Memorial Day is a good time to reflect upon the tremendous debt that we owe all our veterans who have fallen and those who are still with us.

This Memorial Day, remember it is more than just a day off from work; it is an opportunity to honor our veterans.

I encourage you to participate in or attend one of the ceremonies; or at least take the time during a family gathering to reflect on the sacrifices of past veterans as well as those that are deployed, carrying on the tradition of serving the United States military.

Their dedication to our nation is a great heritage and serves as an example for how to conduct ourselves in our job of defending America, underscoring the Air Force’s core value of service before self.

The huge sacrifice made by hundreds of thousands of men, women and their families, throughout our history should never be forgotten.

Wherever you are or whatever you’re doing this Memorial Day, take time to reflect upon the sacrifices made by previous and current veterans and what it means for us to take on the duty and heritage they have bequeathed to us.

## Officials send holiday message

*(Editor’s note: The following is a Memorial Day message from Michael Dominguez, acting secretary of the Air Force, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.)*

This Memorial Day, our thoughts and prayers are with those whose family members have died in service to our great nation. This day also reminds us that service to the nation, like the service of those departed, continues with today’s generation of Airmen defending freedom and fighting the global war on terrorism. We are reminded of the courageous sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

We’re reminded of the first official Memorial Day in 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery.

We’re reminded of the dough-boys who died in the trenches and the Sailors who perished in the North Atlantic during World War I.

We’re reminded of the Soldiers and Marines killed on the beaches of such places as Normandy and Iwo Jima during World War II.

We especially honor them this year as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of that war.

We’re reminded of the pilots killed flying in MiG Alley and the Marines who died in the fight for the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

We’re reminded of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who were killed in the air and in the jungles of Vietnam.

We’re reminded of those servicemembers killed liberating Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm.

We’re reminded daily of the ultimate sacrifices of men and women spreading freedom and defeating terror in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

In many other places throughout our history, men and women from all services have sacrificed their lives for the noblest cause — protecting and defending freedom.

Shortly after he took office in April 1945, President Harry S. Truman, speaking of the fighting

## Remembrance ceremony

will be unveiled on the marble memorial wall at Ceremonial Plaza, and there will also be a T-38 missing-man formation flyover.

All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony at noon today in front of the wing headquarters building. A fallen former T-37 first assignment instructor pilot’s name



# The ORI results are in ... CAFB celebrates “Excellent” rating

The 14th Flying Training Wing learned of it's “Excellent” rating for the 2005 Operational Readiness Inspection during an out-brief from the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General Team at the base theater Tuesday.

During the 10-day review, Columbus AFB was given the opportunity to demonstrate its efficient day-to-day, crisis and deployment operations.

“BLAZE TEAM — You rock!” said Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th FTW commander, following the announcement of the results.



Photo illustration by Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez  
Kali Burchfield, 5, and her mother Gina Carter enjoy a taste of the complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs at the picnic.



Second Lt. Michael Stayrook, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, attempts to block a pass from Staff Sgt. Jeremy Keel, 14th Comptroller Squadron, during a game of ultimate frisbee.



BLAZE TEAM members celebrate with the Blues Boyz Band during the post-ORI picnic Tuesday.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

# Base pool opens today for 2005 season



Josh Knight takes the plunge at Independence Pool.

Pam Wickham

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Services Division

Independence Pool, collocated with the Columbus Club, officially opens today.

The pool is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Cost is \$1 per day for eligible patrons and their family members or \$2 per day for non-family member guests. Season pool passes can be purchased at the pool or outdoor recreation.

“The 2005 season pool passes costs have been drastically reduced compliments of the Columbus AFB recycling program profits,” said Joe Caldiero, outdoor recreation manager.

The new single pass rates are \$15 for club members and \$20 for non club members. For two family members, cost is \$28 for club members and \$35 for nonmembers. For families of three, cost is \$35 for club members and \$45 for nonmembers. For families of four, cost is \$38 for club members and \$50 for nonmembers. There is no charge for any additional family members or for ages 5 and younger.

Other programs offered at Independence Pool include lap swimming from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Throughout the weekdays, lap swimming is available on two lanes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m.

A moonlight swim for ages 18 and older is offered from 9 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays.

A 45-minute water aerobics class is at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$1 per person per session.

Pool party reservations for any day are available beginning at 7:30 p.m., but parties may not last past midnight.

A \$25 deposit is required when patrons sign-up, and it is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of the reservation date. Cost is a flat rate of \$55 for parties Monday through Thursday and \$75 for parties on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Swimming lessons for ages 3 to 18 are \$40 per session. Classes are Monday through Thursday, and Fridays are used as make-up days. Session dates are June 6 to June 16, June 20 to June 30, July 5 to July 15 and July 18 to July 28.

Beginner classes for people who have never had swimming lessons before are at 8 a.m. Each class is allowed a maximum of eight people.

Intermediate lessons for people who are not afraid of the water, but cannot swim are at 8:30 a.m. These classes are also limited to eight people per session.

Advanced lessons for people with some swimming capability are at 9 a.m. and are limited to a maximum of ten participants per class session.

For more information about the pool and its services, call outdoor recreation at Ext. 2507 or

# Services offers programs for leisure pastimes

**Holiday hours:** The Landing and enlisted lounges will be closed today. The following 14th Services Division activities will be open for the Memorial Day holiday: the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; dining facility from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m.; fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk; and the Magnolia Inn is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All other services activities will be closed.

**Columbus Club lunch buffets:** The Columbus Club offers a different buffet Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Tuesday features Mexican cuisine, Wednesday is country-style cooking, Thursday has an Italian flare and Fridays offer a tri-continental selection of German, Asian and New England seafood. Today's lunch will feature the a la carte menu only. Call Ext. 2490.

**Bowl for the Stars and Strikes:** Bowling center patrons will “get punched” for every game or large Coca-

Cola purchased during this summer-long program. Customers who accumulate 10 punches on their punch cards will receive two free games of bowling, a free soda and will be entered into a monthly drawing for a bowling ball. Call Ext. 2426.

**Crafts classes:** The arts and crafts center offers weekly classes for both adults and children. Upcoming adult classes include making a mosaic tray, a picnic carry-all and two different door hangings.

The youth classes feature bubble gum machine, a Father's Day gift, potato chip clips and two different wall hangings. Stop by the arts and crafts center to see a display of the upcoming projects. Call Ext. 7836.

**Veterinary clinic hours:** The veterinary clinic is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. During this time, patrons may pick-up or drop off records and purchase monthly pet supplies.

**Summer vacations to Disney World, Universal Studios:** The information,

ticket and travel office offers this trip to Orlando, Fla., June 7 through June 11. Cost is \$415 for one person, \$265 each for two people, \$215 each for three people and \$190 each for four people with the same lodging accommodations. Costs include four nights lodging, transportation and an Orlando shuttle service. Reduced price ticket packages are available at ITT. Call Ext. 7861.

**Stained glass classes:** The arts and crafts center offers these night-time classes for \$30 per person. Cost includes all supplies. Dates and exact times of classes will be determined by the class participants. Call Ext. 7836.

**Summer reading program:** Children entering first through sixth grades can register for the base library summer reading program June 5 to June 11. The program's theme is “Share the treasure with Captain Book,” and begins June 15. Participants will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Call Ext 2934.

**Give parents a break:** The child

development and youth centers offer this program from 5 to 11 p.m. June 11. The registration deadline is June 8. Call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Youth photography camp:** The youth center offers this free camp June 7 to June 10 for ages 9 and older. Participants will learn how to take photographs practicing new techniques, including composition and use of light. Youth must bring their own camera and film or a digital camera. Call Ext. 2504.

**Family fun night:** The Columbus Club's next family fun night is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 9. An adult and children's buffet are available as well as children's games. Call Ext. 2490.

**Missoula Children's Theater:** Open auditions for the Missoula Children's Theater Wizard of Oz production is at 10 a.m. June 13 at the youth center and is open to youth in kindergarten through 12th grades. The performance is at 3 p.m. June 18. Call Ext. 2504.





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## Movies

**Today**  
"Sahara"  
(PG-13, action violence, 120 min.)  
Starring: Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz.

**Saturday**  
"King's Ransom"  
(PG, crude and sexual humor and language, 95 min.)  
Starring: Anthony Anderson and Leila Arcierl.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit [www.cafb.services.com](http://www.cafb.services.com).

### Chapel Schedule

#### Vacation Bible School

The chapel is currently holding registration for Columbus AFB's Vacation Bible School program, themed "Jerusalem Market Place." The program is for ages 4 through 12 and will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 6 through June 10 at the base chapel. A bus will pick up children in base housing and at the youth center. Youth entering the seventh grade for the 2005-2006 school year can volunteer with approval. To register, volunteer or for more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

#### Catholic

Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

#### Protestant

Sunday:  
10:45 a.m. — Combined service (Contemporary/Traditional)  
For information about other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

### Family Support Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)*

#### Local employment

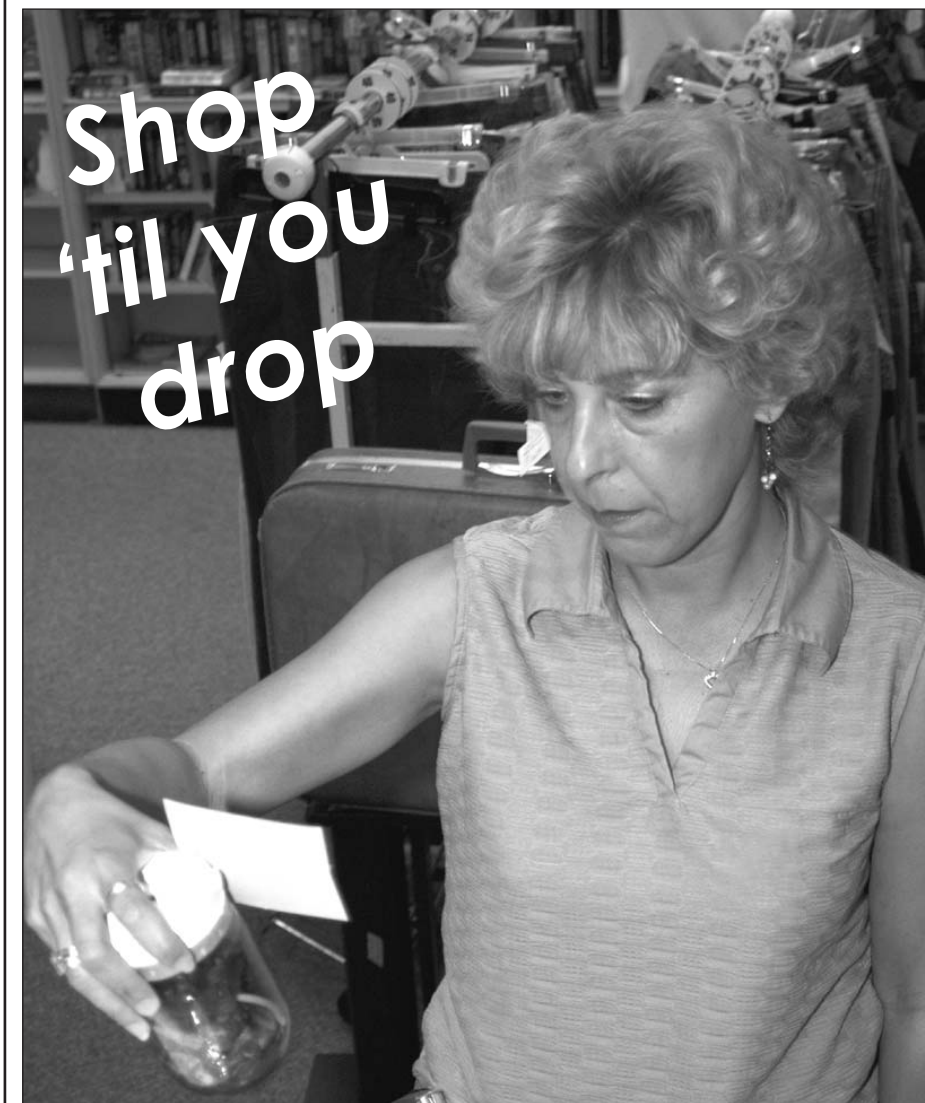
A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

#### Jr. Smooth Move

A workshop to help ages 6 to 12 reduce anxiety about moving to another location is at 1 p.m. June 3 at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

#### Smooth Move

A workshop for relocating families is from 10 a.m. to noon June 7. Military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare, traffic management



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Thrift Shop manager Ruth Ann Kinion sorts items at the shop Thursday. The store, located at Building 345 C Street, is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays throughout June. Consignments are accepted during business hours until one hour before closing. Volunteers are welcome. Call 434-2954.

office and housing issues will be discussed.

#### Positive thinking

"Make Every Day a Terrific Day," a video-based program to reduce stressors, is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 8. Participants learn how to start days positively, and deal with negative situations and behaviors. Registration is required by June 7.

#### Credit reports

Participants can learn how to obtain one free credit report from three major credit reporting agencies in the southeastern United States and learn what to look for on a report at 2 p.m. June 9.

### Base Notes

#### SAT/ACT testing

The education center will administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 8 a.m. June 14 and the American College Test at 8 a.m. June 21 for active-duty military members who need to take the exams for education advancement or service-related programs, such as a commissioning program. A limited number of exams is available, and personnel will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis after a need to take the exam has been verified. To sign up or for more information, call Ext. 2562.

## May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month

May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.



**Noon Tunes:** Local musical artists will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Trotter Convention Center Courtyard. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 328-6305.

**Charity Poker Run on The River:** The Columbus Marina for the Fourth Annual Charity Poker Run is June 4 at the marina on Wilkis-Wise Road in Columbus. Today is the last day to register for a fee of \$50. Registration after today will be \$60. Proceeds will benefit the YMCA Camp Henry Pratt. The Mardi Gras-themed event is limited to 208 participants. People are encouraged to register early. For more information, call 327-8450.

**Garden Tours of Columbus:** The Columbus Council of Garden Clubs will present Garden Tours at

five local homes from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 3 through June 5. Lunch will be served in the Lee Home. Tickets are \$15 per person including lunch and are available through June 4 by calling 328-6305 or 328-3970.

**St. Jude Children's Hopsital fundraiser:** BLAZE TEAM members are invited to participate in the St. Jude Children's Hospital Stamp-A-Thon from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 11 at Franklin Academy Elementary, located at 501 3rd Ave. North in downtown Columbus. For a suggested donation of \$15, participants will make 5 hand-stamped projects and lunch will be provided. Registration is required by June 4. For more information or to sign up, call Heather Andrus at 434-5076.

**JuneTeenth celebration:** A JuneTeenth Festival celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation is June 17 and

June 18 at Sim Scott Park located at 902 20th Street North in downtown Columbus. The event is free and open to the public. Food, music, softball games, and activities for both children and senior citizens will be featured. For more information call 328-2491 or 329-5871.

**Volunteers needed:** The United Way of Lowndes County recently celebrated the grand opening of its Community Volunteer Center. BLAZE TEAM members can contact the center to learn of volunteer opportunities by calling the center at 549-4144, e-mailing Volunteercenter@unitedwaylowndescounty.org or visiting the center at 501 Seventh St. North, Plaza Building, Suite 4.

**For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).**

## BARGAIN LINE

### Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Are you happy with the Silver Wings?    Yes ☐    No ☐

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).

## Shorts

### Season swimming passes

Independence Pool will open May 27. Season pool passes are on sale now at outdoor recreation. For more information, call Ext. 2507 or Ext. 2491.

### Soccer balls for Iraq

The YMCA Board of Directors and Amory Kiwanis Club are currently collecting new or used soccer balls to send to Iraq. Some troops have discovered the children there enjoy soccer. Donations may be dropped off at the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2772.

### Summer bowling league

The Stars and Strikes summer bowling league meets at 6 p.m. June 7 to determine cost, prize fund, time and length of league play. The league will run for six to eight weeks and meet Tuesday nights. For more information, call Gilbert Shrieves at Ext. 2236.

### Fitness 101

This fundamental fitness class is from 9 to 11 a.m. June 9 at the fitness center. Participants will learn about the machines available at the center. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

### Poker fun run

This fun run begins at 7 a.m. June 17 in front of the fitness center. Participants will pick up a card at each station and the person with the best poker hand is declared the winner. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

### Lady BLAZE softball

Females interested in playing intramural softball for the Lady BLAZE team can call Shera Ferrell at 434-6991 or Stephanie Clark at 574-7287 for more information.



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**Retired Chief Master Sgts. and brothers Jack and Robert Christopher, who used to be stationed together at Columbus AFB, return to their old stomping ground for a round of golf Thursday. The Columbus AFB First Sergeants Council sponsors a three-person scramble Diamond 1 Golf Tournament at Whispering Pines Golf Course June 2 with a shotgun start at noon. The tournament is limited to the first 18 teams to sign up. Entry fee is \$15 per person plus green fees and includes dinner. Carts will be an extra fee. To sign up or for more information, contact a first sergeant.**

# Falcons name new basketball head coach

**SAN ANTONIO** — Former Denver Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik has been named the new head coach for the Falcon men's basketball team. He replaces Chris Mooney, who left the academy May 5 to accept the head coaching job at the University of Richmond.

"We're very excited about having Jeff lead the men's basketball team here at the academy," said Dr. Hans Mueh, director of athletics. "He brings a wealth of experience at the highest levels of basketball and has a proven record. His teams have always played like successful Air Force teams do — hard, aggressive and with passion. Jeff is also committed to academics and has an understanding of the military and what our mission at the academy is about. He'll be a great leader for our young people."

Mr. Bzdelik began his coaching career in 1978 at Davidson College in North

Carolina. In 1980, he was named as an assistant coach at Northwestern University in Illinois where he spent six seasons. In 1988, he moved to professional basketball, serving as an assistant coach for six years with the then Washington Bullets. He spent his next six years as an assistant coach with the Miami Heat before moving to Denver. He became head coach there in August, 2002.

In baseball news, the Falcons ended the regular season by winning the third of three games played with the University of New Mexico Lobos in Mountain West Conference baseball action at the academy. The victory snapped a 15-game losing streak to the Lobos.

In the first game, played May 19, New Mexico broke open a 4-4 tie with four home runs in the eighth inning on the way to a 15-9 win. The Lobos had 14 hits in the game, 10 in the last three innings. The

Falcons also had 14 hits but just weren't able to string them together to produce more runs.

In the second game, played May 20, despite racking up a season-high 18 hits, Air Force could not stop New Mexico's bats, as the Lobos pounded out 22 hits and out-slugged the Falcons, 20-14.

Victory for the Falcons came in the third game, played May 21, as they defeated the Lobos 5-4 in a game that wasn't decided until the bottom of the ninth. The Falcon pitching staff held the Lobos, who entered the game batting .333 as a team, to just seven hits on the day.

This was the final regular season series for the year. The 2005 Mountain West Conference Baseball Championship begins May 25 in Salt Lake City. The championship concludes May 28. The sixth-seeded Falcons will face third-seed San Diego State

in the opening round.

At the 2005 NCAA Men's Golf West Regional Tournament, the academy had one player participating in the 141-player field. Tyler Goulding finished tied for 88th place with a 15-over-par 225. At the end of the first round he was sitting in 19th place, but struggled during the next two rounds. Despite his disappointing finish, this tournament marks the conclusion of a very successful season for Goulding, who led the Falcons in the last 10 of their 12 events on the year. After earning MWC Golfer of the Month accolades in November with his first career medalist honors at the Troy Invitational, Goulding went on to have an outstanding spring season, turning in a 72.38 stroke average. He finished tied for seventh at the Mountain West Championship. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*



# Ready to respond



Top: Harold Nichols, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron and exercise evaluation team member, records notes about his unit's performance during the exercise. Left: Wing safety representative Bill Wright directs Tammi Baudoin, multimedia center technician, on how to photograph evidence for the mishap investigation team.

Top: Jacob Rewerts, 14th Medical Group, tends to a "victim" in the Operational Readiness Inspection exercise May 16. The scenario involved an overturned diesel fuel truck near the Columbus AFB driving range. The BLAZE TEAM earned an "excellent" rating from the ORI inspectors for the major accident response exercise. Right: A search and recovery team was assembled to review the exercise accident site for evidence.

